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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A primary battery, comprising:

one or more anodes that include lithium;

one or more cathodes having a total capacity less than a total capacity of the one or more anodes; and

a nonaqueous electrolyte including a component having a decomposition voltage of between about 1 V and the battery discharge voltage, the battery discharge voltage being higher than then 1 V.

- 2. (previously presented) The primary battery of claim 1, wherein the component includes a lithium bis(chelato)borate.
- 3. (previously presented) The primary battery of claim 2, wherein the lithium bis(chelato)borate comprises lithium bis(oxalato)borate (LiBOB).
- 4. (canceled)
- 5. (previously presented) The primary battery of claim 3, wherein the one or more cathodes include carbon.
- 6. (canceled)
- 7. (previously presented) The primary battery of claim 3, wherein the one or more cathodes include fluorinated carbon.
- 8. (previously presented) The primary battery of claim 1, wherein the component is one of a plurality of components in the electrolyte that each has a decomposition voltage of between about 1 V and the battery discharge voltage.

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9. (previously presented) The primary battery of claim 1, wherein the component includes one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of: vinylene carbonate (VC) and vinyl ethylene carbonate (VEC).

- 10. (previously presented) The primary battery of claim 1, wherein the component is includes one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of: lithium cyclopentadienide and lithium tetramethylcyclopentadienide.
- 11. (previously presented) The primary battery of claim 1, wherein the component includes vinyl sulfolane.
- 12. (previously presented) The primary battery of claim 1, wherein the component includes carbon disulfide (CS₂).
- 13. (previously presented) The primary battery of claim 1, wherein the decomposition voltage is between about 1 V and about 3.5 V.
- 14. (previously presented) The primary battery of claim 13, wherein the decomposition voltage is between about 1 V and about 3 V.
- 15. (previously presented) The primary battery of claim 13, wherein the decomposition voltage is between about 1 V and about 2 V.
- 16. (previously presented) The primary battery of claim 13, wherein the decomposition voltage is between about 1.5 V and about 3 V.
- 17. (previously presented) The primary battery of claim 13, wherein the decomposition voltage is between about 1.5 V and about 2 V.

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- 18. (previously presented) The primary battery of claim 1, wherein the electrolyte further comprises one or more solvents selected from the group consisting of: propylene carbonate (PC), 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME), diethyl carbonate (DEC), propyl acetate (PA), gamma-butyrolactone (GBL), tetrahydrofuran (THF), dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO), ethylene carbonate (EC), ethyl methyl carbonate (EMC), and dimethylcarbonate (DMC).
- 19. (previously presented) The primary battery of claim 1, wherein the electrolyte includes a polymer electrolyte.
- 20. (previously presented) The primary battery of claim 1, wherein an actual capacity of the battery is at least 10% greater than a said theoretical capacity of the battery.
- 21. (previously presented) The primary battery of claim 1, wherein an actual capacity of the battery is at least 20% greater than a said theoretical capacity of the battery.
- 22. (previously presented) The primary battery of claim 1, wherein an actual capacity of the battery is at least 30% greater than a theoretical capacity of the battery.
- 23. (canceled)
- 24. (previously presented) The primary battery of claim 5, wherein the carbon is fluorinated.
- 25. (previously presented) The primary battery of claim 24, wherein the one or more cathodes include vanadium oxide.
- 26. (canceled)
- 27. (previously presented) The primary battery of claim 1, wherein the one or more anodes includes material selected from the group consisting of: lithium metal, an alloy of

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lithium, mixed metals containing lithium, lithium silicon, lithium silicon oxide, lithium graphite intercalation compound (LiGIC), and lithiated carbon.

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